

To.

Sree Krishnakaya Wodiyar

Bahadur G. C. S. 9.

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Mysore

May it please your Highness,

your Highness

bids fair to become the premier native Prince in India. The sanction obtained for the construction of the Kumbhodaya Reservoir and the establishment of the Mysore University, single out your Highness as the most enlightened and progressive Sovereign of India. I congratulate your Highness upon these achievements.

There are shortcomings in the different Departments of the State which discount to some extent your Highness' enlightened rule. I shall continue to place before your Highness some of the shortcomings. If they are rectified, they will make your Highness' rule an epoch making one. I informed your Highness in my last some thing about the judicial Department. Your Highness made Mr Lakshminarayana a Sub Judge two or three years ago. He is a very honest and straightforward officer. The late Mr Inambachettar and the late Mr Chautsalkar were so pleased

This is what your subjects think of your wisdom. Are you wiser than your

Father? Perhaps.

Make him your next Dewan

also. God will bless you and your country

Beware of 1831

Let not history repeat itself

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With his honesty, straightforwardness, and efficient work that they advanced him in the judicial line. He does not play into the hands of lawyers. He does not give adjournments without sufficient cause. Some of them complain against him. Your Honour Secretary Mr. Shanba Chetty ^{knows} something about him. All the judges under whom he served have left very good opinion about his honest work and yet there is an attempt made not to confirm him but to revert him. Even Sir Leslie Miller has been heard to say that Mr. Lakshminarayanan is an able and good officer.

It is held that an one appointment should go to civilians and one to those in the judicial line, that a mistake has been made by Govt. in this matter and that therefore Mr. Lakshminarayanan should be reverted and the mistake made by Govt. should be rectified after three years. Why should we proclaim our mistake to the four corners of the world by such a policy. If we have made a mistake, we may bring in two civilians now, hereafter and rectify the mistake.

We should not create discontent and a feeling in the public mind that we have no definite policy. Mr. Lakshminarayanan does not deserve to be disturbed on this ground. It is held by some that he is a man of average abilities. This is not true. Your Highness may send for him or the work that he has turned out and find out whether he is ^{not} misrepresented. Your Highness is the father of good and helpless people and it is hoped that your Highness will get justice done to this poor and deserving man.

With utmost esteem and respect,

I have the honour to remain
Your Highness' obedient, humble
and loyal subject.

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5th April 16
Mysore